DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY



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Subj: COMMANDER NAVY REGION, HAWAII'S REQUEST TO BE A SIGNATORY TO THE RAIL TRANSIT PROJECT PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT (PA)

Dear Sir:

This letter is in response to the City and County Transportation Service's request to provide written testimony in support of the Navy's request to become a signatory to the programmatic agreement (PA) for the Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor (HHCTC) Project.

The Navy has been involved throughout the development of the PA and believes that becoming a signatory to the PA will be helpful when future issues associated with historic properties at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam are addressed.

We have reviewed the November 5, 2010 draft version of the PA and request that the following changes be made:

- a. Request that the signatory for the Navy be changed from "Admiral Patrick M. Walsh, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet" to "Rear Admiral Dixon R. Smith, Commander, Navy Region Hawaii."
- b. Insert the following statement in section I under "Stipulations:"

"Navy Responsibilities - The Navy will work with the City, Federal Transit Administration (FTA), other consulting parties, and their contractors to coordinate and assist where necessary, in carrying out the stipulations listed below that affect Navy interests and Navy properties."

The Navy believes that the rail project will provide an essential service to the civilian workers, families, Sailors, and Airmen who live and work at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

We appreciate the opportunity to partner on the development of the PA and look forward to continued interaction between the Navy, City and County of Honolulu, FTA, and other stakeholders on the design and

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construction of the project. The Navy's point of contact, Mr. David Sullivan, can be reached at (808) 473-4141 or david.m.sullivanl@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy

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